

REMARKSAmendments

In the Examiner's office action dated December 13, 2007, Examiner indicated that independent claim 15 was allowed. Applicant has made the following amendments to conform with the Examiner's conditions of allowance:

1. Applicant has amended claim 1 such that it is identical to the previously allowed independent claim 15.
2. Dependent claim 12 has been cancelled because the tailgate support pins and upper tailgate locking pins are now recited in amended claim 1.
3. Claim 15 has been cancelled.
4. Dependant claim 9 has been amended to accord with amended claim 1 which describes the pivotal motion of the rear support member on the tailgate support pins.

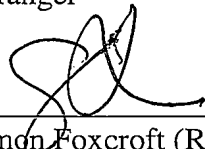
No new matter has been added with the amendments made herein. Support for the amended claims is found throughout the application and in the as-filed claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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